

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing replaces all prior listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for transmitting an emergency call including emergency information from a vehicle using a mobile communication system, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

triggering an emergency call at the vehicle ~~(201, 403)~~,

establishing a data connection ~~(404)~~ to an emergency call assistance center via the mobile communication system,

transmitting emergency information ~~(204, 405)~~ to the emergency call assistance center using the data connection,

establishing a first voice connection ~~(408)~~ to the emergency call assistance center via the mobile communication system, and

transmitting a dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) message ~~(204, 409)~~ including emergency information using the established first voice connection.

2. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ detecting the end of the DTMF message transmitted via the first voice connection at the emergency call assistance center.

3. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ determining whether the emergency information have_s been successfully transmitted ~~(205)~~ to the emergency call assistance center, and transferring the first voice connection to an emergency assistant at the emergency

call assistance center ~~(206, 403)~~ in case if the emergency information has been transmitted successfully, and establishing a second voice connection to a emergency call dispatch center ~~(207)~~ via the mobile communication system in case if the emergency information has not been transmitted successfully.

4. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the data connection is a wireless application protocol (WAP) connection, and wherein ~~in the step of~~ transmitting emergency information to the emergency call assistance center via the data connection ~~(204, 405)~~, the emergency information are transmitted in a request of an emergency call URL using the WAP connection.

5. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ starting an emergency call countdown ~~(301)~~ during which an occupant of the vehicle may cancel the triggered emergency call.

6. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ testing the availability of the mobile communication system ~~(202)~~.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein ~~in the step of~~ testing the availability of the mobile communication system, a mobile terminal in the vehicle for transmitting the emergency information and the communication network of the communication system are tested for availability.

8. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the emergency information transmitted using the data connection comprises a geographical position of the vehicle and an identification number of the vehicle.

9. (currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein the emergency information further comprises a timestamp of the generation of the emergency message, a vehicle descriptor, a breakdown status and additional information and parameters defined by an occupant of the vehicle.

10. (currently amended) The method according to claim ~~8 or 9~~, wherein the emergency information further comprises a history of information related to a time period before an emergency, wherein the history of information indicates at least one or a combination of the following parameters: the steering of the vehicle, a level of deceleration of the vehicle and a driving direction of the vehicle.

11. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the emergency information transmitted using the voice connection comprises the geographical position of the vehicle and an identification number of the terminal transmitting the emergency information.

12. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising ~~the steps of~~ synchronizing the emergency information (~~501~~) received via the data connection and the first voice connection at the emergency call assistance center, and transmitting a confirmation (~~406, 410~~) for the emergency information received from the emergency call assistance center to the vehicle.

13. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ the emergency call assistance center requesting emergency information from the vehicle (~~503~~) via the mobile communication system.

14. (currently amended) The method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, further comprising ~~the step of~~ the emergency call assistance center informing at least one emergency call dispatch center on the emergency using the received emergency information.

15. (currently amended) An emergency call device for transmitting an emergency call including emergency information from a vehicle using an mobile communication system, comprising:

a triggering means (~~111, 112~~) for triggering an emergency call at the vehicle,

a communication terminal ~~(103)~~;

for establishing a data connection to an emergency call assistance center ~~404~~ via the mobile communication system,

for establishing a first voice connection to the emergency call assistance center ~~404~~ via the mobile communication system,

for transmitting emergency information to the emergency call assistance center ~~404~~ using the data connection, and

for transmitting a dual tone multi-frequency (DTMF) message including emergency information using the established first voice connection.

16. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to claim 15, further comprising means for determining the end of the DTMF ~~dual tone multi-frequency~~ message transmitted using the first voice connection.

17. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to claim ~~15 or~~ 16, further comprising:

means for transferring the first voice connection to an emergency assistant at the emergency call assistance center ~~(206, 403)~~ ~~in case if~~ the emergency information has been transmitted successfully, and wherein the communication terminal is adapted to establish a second voice connection to a emergency call dispatch center ~~(207)~~ via the mobile communication system, ~~in case if~~ the emergency information has not been transmitted successfully.

18. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to ~~one of~~ claims 15 to ~~17~~, further comprising a position determination means ~~(105)~~ for determining ~~the~~ a geographical position of the vehicle.

19. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to claim 15 ~~to 18~~, further comprising processing means ~~(102)~~ for forming emergency information.

20. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to ~~one of claims 15 to 17~~, further comprising a timer ~~(108)~~ for controlling an emergency call countdown during which an occupant of the vehicle may cancel the triggered emergency call.

21. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to claim 15 ~~or 20~~, wherein the processing means ~~(102)~~ is adapted to form emergency information comprising ~~the~~ a geographical position of the vehicle and an identification number of the vehicle.

22. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to ~~one of claims 19 to 21~~, wherein the processing means ~~(102)~~ are further adapted to synchronize the emergency information received via the data connection and the first voice connection.

23. (currently amended) The emergency call device according to ~~one of claims 15 to 22~~ wherein the triggering means is an emergency button ~~(112)~~ or a sensor ~~(111)~~ adapted to trigger an emergency call.

24. (currently amended) An emergency call system for executing the method according to ~~one of claims 1 to 14~~ comprising at least one emergency call device according to ~~one of claims 15 to 23~~ and an emergency call assistance center ~~(401)~~.